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WASHINGTON, June 29, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 24 totaled 329,396, down 5.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 2.1 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 8.2 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 6,809 cars (5.7 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Loadings of metallic ores were up 1,556 cars (7.2 percent), while grain loadings were down 6,893 cars (20.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 25 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,412,479, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,603 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 24, down 3.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of 1989 was 2,787,960 trailers and/or containers, up 0.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 24 totaled 18.6 billion, 4.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 482.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,654	34,547	-20.0 %	25,439	8.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,017	2,214	-8.9	2,095	-3.7
Metallic Ores	23,222	21,666	7.2	22,590	2.8
Coal	113,070	119,879	-5.7	122,078	-7.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,128	18,662	-8.2	16,620	3.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,708	9,781	9.5	10,192	5.1
Grain Mill Products	9,860	9,791	.7	9,877	-.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,379	8,779	-4.6	8,617	-2.8
Primary Forest Products	9,251	9,604	-3.7	9,088	1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	7,337	7,779	-5.7	6,837	7.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,463	11,127	-6.0	10,536	-.7
Chemicals	24,978	25,750	-3.0	25,700	-2.8
Petroleum Products	4,991	5,491	-9.1	4,962	.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,195	11,090	-8.1	10,438	-2.3
Coke	5,244	5,725	-8.4	5,455	-3.9
Metals & Products	9,812	10,181	-3.6	9,256	6.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,626	20,801	-5.6	20,556	-4.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,462	8,668	-2.4	9,140	-7.4
All Other Carloads	6,999	7,600	-7.9	6,968	.4
Total	329,396	349,135	-5.7 %	336,444	-2.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 25 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 24, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	329,396	349,135	-5.7 %	8,412,479	8,396,511	.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,363	69,629	-6.1	1,625,770	1,677,826	-3.1
Containers	46,240	45,614	1.4	1,162,190	1,090,732	6.6
Total	111,603	115,243	-3.2	2,787,960	2,768,558	.7
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.6	19.5	-4.6 %	482.8	479.0	.8 %

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